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Reference Bonn 2940, Mar 23, repeated London 487. Bonn 3080, April 2,
repeated London 487, URTEL 4030, March 19.

Kersten Comite has indicated to DEPT it wishes conduct private closed
interviews in London on EMB or other USGOV premises. Comite says arrangements
being made with GOV FEDREP for such closed interviews in Munich will not
sufficiently serve Comites purposes since large NER Polish refugees now in UK
should be heard and it is impracticable transport them all to Munich. DEPT has
explained to Comite that UKGOV originally objected strongly to either open or
closed hearings in 1952 in case Katyn Comite. Kersten Comite however knows
that in fact Katyn Comite did interview NER persons in private in London and
feels that similar arrangements could be made. (URTEL 4640, APR 16, 1952.)
DEPT has indicated unlikelihood permission being granted but has undertaken
query UKGOV.

See Counsel

Unless you see substantial reasons to contrary, request informal approach
be made to FOMOFF to determine BRIT reaction this suggestion.

FYI arrangements being made for Comite interviews in GER would involve
undertaking by Comite to limit scope of testimony to Soviet methods in satellite
areas avoiding controversial issues prejudicial to interests of FEDREP and

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undertaking make no disclosures of testimony or nature of testimony while
Comite in GER. DEPT assumes Comite would agree to same understandings if
authorization given by UKGOV.

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